

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Chair, let me be clear that I do not support giving any funding to terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). However, I voted against Mr. GOSAR's amendment because it would have prevented funding for the Palestinian Authority, which is a vital source of humanitarian aid and aid to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This money also goes toward providing security within the Palestinian territory, which remains in the best interest of our national security.

The amendment also would have barred the use of funds for the ongoing dismantling of chemical weapons in Syria. This effort remains a top priority for American national security and it would have been irresponsible to vote in favor of an amendment that would jeopardize this mission.

While on its surface this amendment may have appeared to implement policy goals I support, I ultimately opposed it because I believe its consequences would have negatively impacted American national security interests.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GI BILL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Original GI Bill, the first legislation of its kind establishing educational assistance for our nation's veterans. Seventy years ago this week, on June 22, 1944, Congress enacted the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and introduced a new veterans benefits program that continues to this day. The GI Bill has had, and continues to have, an incredible impact—opening doors for servicemembers and their families and benefiting society as a whole.

Our nation has a strong history of ensuring those who fight in defense of our freedom have access to career-enhancing, educational benefits. The GI Bill not only provides veterans with the tools to transition from our military force to our workforce, it is sound and valuable investment that collectively benefits our society.

I have long believed that the post-World War II education benefits created the modern middle class. Because of the GI Bill, millions of veterans who have defended the American Dream are achieving—and sustaining—it.

In 2001, when I became chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, one of my major legislative priorities was to modernize and expand the GI Bill. I wrote and Congress enacted the Veterans Education and Benefits

Expansion Act (P.L. 107–103) which at that time provided the largest increase in GI Bill benefits since World War II.

Prior to passage of my legislation, veterans receiving the maximum benefit under the Montgomery GI Bill received \$24,000 toward their degree. The benefit was terribly underutilized as eligible vets were declining to participate because the benefit was too small to make a difference in the cost of college. We had the foresight to adjust this benefit for inflation, ensuring that the value of the benefit would keep pace if the cost of college increased. The maximum benefit is now \$59,328.

The GI Bill can be used for a variety of education and training opportunities—including certificate programs, post-secondary degrees, and work-study programs, including the successful Helmets to Hard Hats apprenticeship program—that can boost both marketability and earning potential for veterans.

And now that we have an all-volunteer military that is smaller and highly trained, it is critical we have good benefits that attract and retain quality young people into our armed services.

We remain in awe of their bravery and are humbled by the selfless sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Accordingly, Congress again beefed up GI Bill benefits in 2008 with passage of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (P.L. 110–252), putting a college degree within reach for men and women who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001.

Each year more and more veterans benefit from this program and the Post-9/11 GI Bill combined with the continued funding increases yielded from my law will hopefully give every veteran the ability to take full advantage of all the GI bill has to offer.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ADA SUE
HINSHAW**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, who is retiring as Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), which I am proud to have located in my Congressional district.

Dr. Hinshaw was named Dean by USUHS President Charles Rice in June 2008 and has led the School through a period of enormous change and growth. Her deanship is the capstone of a lifelong commitment to her profession, her colleagues, her patients, and the science and scholarship of nursing and health care. USUHS and her field have been transformed by her energy, wise stewardship, and insightful mentorship.

Dr. Hinshaw has numerous significant accomplishments. She developed a close working relationship with the chiefs of the Nurse Corps of the military services, which was reflected by their decision to include the dean of the GSN as a regular member of the Federal Nursing Service Chiefs. She strengthened the academic rigor of the Advanced Practice Nursing programs and skillfully managed the transi-

tion of those programs from the Master's degree to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Dr. Hinshaw recruited key faculty members to strengthen research programs, developed a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs in patient safety, and oversaw the successful reaccreditation of a number of GSN academic programs. She developed a highly successful model of shared governance, initiated the Behavioral Health advanced practice nursing program, and met the Air Force's need for an accession program for CRNAs. Moreover, Dr. Hinshaw closely collaborated with School of Medicine Dean Arthur Kellermann to develop an innovative inter-professional education program that will ensure that USUHS leads the health professions' integration in academic health care education and research.

Throughout her career, Dr. Hinshaw has conducted nursing research focusing on quality care, patient outcomes, measurement of such outcomes, and building positive work environments for nurses while ensuring patient safety. She has given hundreds of presentations and her findings have been widely published. In addition, she has served on numerous scientific advisory committees and task forces and has been a visiting professor at many schools of nursing.

Dr. Hinshaw has held many leadership positions during her career. She was dean/professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing (1994–2006). She was the first permanent director of the National Center for Nursing Research and the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health (1987–94). President of the American Academy of Nursing from 1991–2001, she is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and on the Institute's Governing Council. She co-chaired a study entitled Keeping Patients Safe: Transforming the Work Environment for Nurses (2004), and served as Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute (2006–07). She also chaired the Institute of Medicine committee that examined the safety of the federal childhood immunization schedule.

The recipient of 13 honorary doctoral degrees, Dr. Hinshaw received a Ph.D. and M.A. in sociology from the University of Arizona, an M.S.N. from Yale University, and a B.S. from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Hinshaw was named a "Living Legend" in a career-capping honor at the American Academy of Nursing's 38th Annual Meeting. She has been a leader in the Academy since her induction as a Fellow in 1978 and served as President in 2001.

As Dr. Hinshaw prepares to embark on the next stage of her life, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service to the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing. We are grateful to her for her wise counsel, scholarly contribution, and her dedication to the service of our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2014 I inadvertently voted "yea" on

rollcall no. 334. I would like to state for the record I intended to vote "no."

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4870) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Chair, with numerous and significant reservations, I will vote for final passage of H.R. 4870, the FY2015 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. I supported this bill because it provides the means to support the brave men and women of our armed services who put their lives on the line to protect ours. The bill provides a pay raise for our troops and includes important provisions that support the missions of the Delaware National Guard and Dover Air Force Base.

That said, I disagreed with numerous policy provisions included in the bill, most notably the lack of guidance for how the Administration can use funds provided in the Overseas Contingency Operation accounts. I also remain concerned that the bill prevents the Department of Defense from taking responsible measures to cut defense spending and continues to maintain the Authorization for Use of Military Force, despite the fact that our military engagements in Afghanistan and Iraq have drawn to a close. I was also concerned that the bill prevents the transfer of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay Facility and fails to pro-

vide a comprehensive plan to close the facility. I am hopeful these deficiencies in the bill will be addressed when the House and Senate meet in conference to work out their differences.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF THOMAS E. MARTIN OF DEFUNIACK SPRINGS, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and dedicated service of DeFuniack Springs, Florida's beloved Mr. Thomas E. Martin, who passed away on June 16, 2014. Thomas Martin was a veteran, successful business owner, committed public servant, and loving family man. The entire Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of a great and compassionate man.

Born on July 27, 1927, to J.D. and Evie Jones Martin, Mr. Martin served our Nation as a member of the U.S. Army during WWII before enjoying a long and successful career as a civil servant. He retired after 30 years as the Plumbing Shop Supervisor at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Mr. Martin was also a successful small business owner, running Martin's Tire Company in his hometown of DeFuniack Springs. He took great pride in employing his neighbors, and he was also known for traveling through town to search for folks looking to work on the weekends at his small farm to help give them a small paycheck and the satisfaction that comes with a good day's work.

Mr. Martin was also an avid sports fan and a talented athlete in his own right who played

professional baseball in the minor leagues before forming the town's first semi-pro baseball team, the DeFuniack Indians, where he was both a player and manager. Thanks to his wife and three daughters, Mr. Martin was also a softball fan, and he formed the town's first girls' and women's softball leagues. His passion for the game coupled with his tireless work supporting local leagues, he was nominated by his daughter, Cindy, for Major League Baseball's "Most Valuable Dad" award, and he was selected as the "Most Valuable Dad" for the Atlanta Braves organization.

In addition to his successful careers and immense leadership in his community, Mr. Martin was also a member of First United Methodist Church of DeFuniack and greatly enjoyed the hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational activities in and around his hometown. He was known for leading hunting trips for dignitaries and was also a great friend to all manner of animals. He often took in disadvantaged animals to provide for them a good home. To some, Mr. Martin will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and a man full of integrity and kindness. To his family and friends, he will always be remembered as a loving and devoted family man with a heart of gold.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is a privilege for me to honor the life and dedicated service of Mr. Thomas E. Martin. My wife Vicki and I extend our prayers and sincere condolences to his wife of over 65 years, Sabra; daughters, Susan, Cindy, and Toma; brother, Frank; grandchildren, Lindsey, Kyle, Tiffany, Matt, Briana, Brent, and Troy; great-grandchildren, Gunnar, Erilyn, Ashton, Loren, River, Caden, Hadley, and Zoey (grandchild-to-be); and the entire Martin family.